

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies of three claims or more and to use more conventional U.S. claim format.

An early examination of Claims 1-14 is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

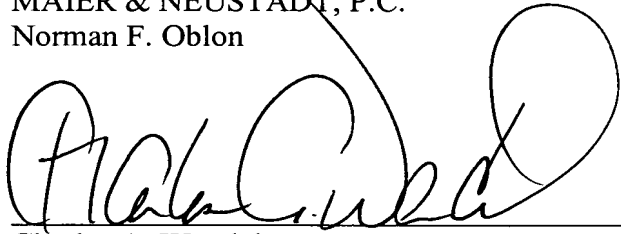
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